

BELMONT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Town Hall

August 30, 2004

ATTENDING: Co-chair Richard Cheek, Paul Bell, Michael Smith, Sharon Vanderslice, Lisa Harrington (2nd half). Absent: Co-chair Lydia Ogilby, Linn Hobbs, Arleyn Levee, Richard Pichette, Nancy Richards, Associate Member Matthew Genta.

TOWN HALL COMPLEX

Michael Smith asked the Commission to take a vote on a proposed new name for the Town Hall Annex. Sharon Vanderslice moved that the Annex be renamed the Homer Municipal Building, after the architect who designed the building. Richard Cheek seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0. Michael Smith will meet with the Board of Selectmen this same night to ask them to approve the new name.

LIBRARY SITE PLANNING

Paul Bell and Richard Cheek, who represent the HDC on the town's Library Site Planning Committee, updated the members on the various sites that have been proposed for the construction of a new main library. While no vote was taken, Commission members agreed that the site plan entitled Version V-B, submitted by the Somerville firm W.W., was the most appropriate use of the town-owned land on the south side of Concord Avenue. This plan would raze the existing Belmont Memorial Library and construct a new main library into the side of the hill above the spot where the pool bathhouse now stands. The library driveway would exit onto School Street. A new, pond-shaped pool and a new bathhouse (with parking) would be constructed on the site of the existing Belmont Memorial Library, while the sunken field at the corner of Concord Avenue and Cottage Street would remain a park, with a day-lighted Wellington Brook running through it. The site suggested for the new pool, where the library now stands, is the former site of a pond owned by the Underwood family.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. so that members could attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting that evening to support the recommendations of the Waverley Fire Station Re-use Steering Committee.

Minutes recorded by Sharon Vanderslice.